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"ANTI-FOREIGN."

STRANGE REPORT FROM CANTON.

DEMONSTRATION TO-MORROW?

Moves to organise an anti-Christian and anti-foreign demonstration in Canton to-morrow are said to be disfavoured by the Provincial Government.

The demonstration, or procession—about which word has reached the Canton authorities—may be the predecessor of something promised for Christmas for which a certain section had planned things on a fairly extensive scale.

It may also be that the preparations for to-morrow—and there certainly have been signs that the organisation is ready—may be more anti-Christian, essentially, than anti-foreign.

At any rate the Canton Government is rumoured to be striving to restrict the demonstrators to the city which is taken to mean giving the Shakes and adjacent parts of the Bund a wide berth.

Some of the more conservative of the Kuomintang politicians are even said to be opposed to the idea of a procession along the waterfront, this report emanating from a statement that steps have been taken to be ready for emergencies.

"IOLANTHE."

NO PERFORMANCE THIS EVENING.

INDIA'S CONDITION.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

BIG CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

FORTHCOMING LEGAL BATTLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, Dec. 14.

Messrs. Walsh and Johannsen have applied for writs claiming £20,000 each from the Government alleging wrongful arrest and imprisonment.

Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Johannsen are also claiming £5,000 for loss of their husbands' services.

It may be recalled that Mrs. Walsh was formerly Miss Adela Pankhurst, the militant suffragette:

This is an echo of the recent seamen's strike in Australia when the Government felt compelled to use drastic measures of arrest, imprisonment and deportation.

Messrs. Walsh and Johannsen were arrested, but subsequently released on an order of the Supreme Court of Australia, and are now claiming against the

The roads were searched and the girl was found crouching in a ditch, completely exhausted, and taken to her friends.

The evidence of other girls was obtained.

There were three cases of girls under 16; other cases of girls above 16, besides girls who resisted and escaped from harm.

He concluded by asking the jury, if they convicted the accused "of a sordid, abominable offence," not to let fear or favour deter them from recording a proper verdict.

A number of girls then testified.

Girls' Admission.

The Hayley Morrissey case has been adjourned until to-morrow.

The Judge directed that both the accused should remain in custody.

The most interesting witness was the female prisoner's sister who said her father was dead. She had been in the service of the female prisoner who left home when her father died.

The witness was not aware of her whereabouts until last Christmas when she telephoned witness to come to Pippingford Park.

She stayed two nights, and a fortnight later she took her there by train, buying her a few clothes.

Her third visit lasted six weeks. Nothing happened till the third visit. She had not told her sister of it.

Another sister was also there.

The witness said she told Morrissey before the alleged incident, that her age was 14.

Cross-examined, witness said she never told anyone about the matter till the police saw her.

The police helped her to remember what happened.

Judge's Opinion.

An earlier cable message states:

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The male defendant appeared in charge of a warden and the woman walked briskly from a local hotel, smiling as press photographers snapped her. Both pleaded not guilty.

The Judge declined to hear evidence of the woman's condition. Replying to counsel's plea that she was not fit to stand a long trial, he said: "My opinion is that already there has been a deliberate attempt to deceive the Court, and I am not sure there has not been something worse, namely, an attempt to interfere with the course of justice." He declined to hear her counsel further.

French Finance.

AN OMINOUS SYMPTOM.

BILLS REFERRED BACK.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 14.

An ominous symptom in the politic and financial situation is revealed by the Finance Committee of the Chamber referring back the Finance Bills dealing with further taxation and the establishing of a Sinking Fund.

An earlier message states:

Discontent of businessmen at M. Loucheur's financial proposals is taking active form in various parts of the country, business groups registering protests. At Carcassonne a solemn pledge was taken by all local tradespeople to refuse to pay taxes if the proposals were adopted, while the Nimes Commercial Union has decided on a two hours strike as a protest.

The fall of the franc is causing a steady rise in the prices of commodities. Figures published by the General Statistics Service show a rise of nine per cent. in wholesale prices in France in October and November compared to the fall in Britain, Germany, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and the United States.

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Senator Field asserts the resolution is due to Mussolini's suggestion that Italian colonies should be created in the United States.

SORDID CASE.

HAYLEY MORRISS ON TRIAL.

COUNSEL AND JURY'S DUTY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 14.

Sir E. Marshall Hall, in opening the prosecution, said Morrissey was a merchant engaged in Chinese trade.

The woman prisoner, Roberts, had been a domestic servant and also a shop assistant, but when arrested was acting house keeper to Morrissey.

Detailing the charges, counsel said Roberts had not merely conspired to procure girls, but did her utmost to get them to do what she knew Morrissey wanted them to do.

Sir Marshall Hall told how the police began to make enquiries after the girl, in the absence of the prisoners, telephoned her friends in London.

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£3,000,000 LOAN.

HONGKONG AND THE BOYCOTT.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 14.

In the House of Commons, Mr. A. Spoor asked for information of the purposes of the loan of £3,000,000 to the Hongkong Government; and whether the Government had taken steps to terminate the boycott of British Trade in Hongkong.

Mr. Ormsby Gore replied that the Governor had applied in September for a loan of the amount mentioned for the purpose of restoring confidence and financing trade.

The loan had saved the Colony at a serious moment.

It is possible that if the boycott continues and trade worsens, further assistance may have to be considered next year.

LIQUOR SMUGGLING.

THE COST OF PROHIBITION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 15.

Senator Jones, of Washington, has introduced a resolution, backed by the Administration, providing for the appropriation of \$9,000,000 to construct ten coast-guard cutters to suppress liquor smuggling.

COAL AND OIL.

BIG JAPANESE CONCESSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, Dec. 15.

Agreements for a concession of 45 years for coal and oil fields in North Saghalien to Japanese firms recommended by the Japanese Government, were signed to-day under the Japan, Soviet and Peking Treaty.

CIVIL WAR.

RIVAL Factions FIGHT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 15.

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Conditions in the trade look brighter and Manufacturers are kept very busy quoting prices which they hope will materialise in good business later.

Merchants—Stocks are moving and there is an air of cheerfulness in several ends of the Trade.

Handkerchiefs and Fancy Linens are getting a large amount of attention as is usual at this season of the year.

Housekeeping Goods.—Dams and Plain Linens are now being offered at figures which are considerably under normal rates.

Dress Linens.—Since last report conditions remain practically unchanged. There is still a fair number of enquiries coming forward for Dress Linens in both Plain and Fancy Weaves, and some business has been placed.

The outlook is distinctly better than a few months ago. Linen Suitings are also enquired for.

EXCHANGE.

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"PLOM POODINK."

CHRISTMAS IN OLD RUSSIA.

CURIOS MEMORIES.

"We shall be able to give you some real plom poodink," So ran a sentence of letter in which Sophia Georgievna invited me to spend Christmas at an estate situated in the province of Novgorod, a year or two before the war, writes A. LAW, in an "An Indian newspaper. The letter, with the exception of "plom poodink," was in Russian script, and it was doubtful if the collection of the difficulty of pronouncing the name of our traditional Christmas dish during a previous visit, which had inspired her own phonetic version when writing.

There was no need for Sophia to beg her invitation with plom poodink. The warmest hearts in members of a most hospitable race she and her husband delighted to all. Visoko, their large, manor house, during the festive season, with their children and friends, who, in their turn, were not loth to turn their backs on St. Petersburg in order to enjoy home-life and country pleasures. Any hunger for plum pudding which might have possessed me had been appeased during the celebration of the English Christmas, a week earlier. The one reform for which the Bolsheviks are to be thanked is that of bringing the Russian calendar into line with the Western one. Previously there were two Christmases to negotiate within 13 days.

It sent a note of acceptance, and Christmas Eve found me amongst the crowds thronging the shops on the Nevsky Prospekt, and the Morskaya, emerging from each one visited with additional parcels attached by string to the buttons of my fur-lined coat, to say nothing of those tucked under my arms. Friends similarly laden shouted seasonal greetings. The human beings were almost the only makers of noise. Beyond the voices of the vendor of "volki" (charming trees), the hand-wound converversions of the novices, the jingle of the bells on an inevitable organ, and the hubbub of a thousand voices in seeking a seat, for he who made them was to be the author of trouble, while down the streets of the city the lights were dimmed. Two months later, the new harsh regime of the Red Army gave us a taste of the cold, even though we had the need.

My wife completed a hundred miles, and presented to the N. I. T. station, where other members of the house party had already assembled. We were all warmly clad in fur-lined outer garments, and wore a sketchy felt boot, which resist low temperatures.

In Russia, apart from motives of economy, as travelling, third-class, progenitors of an inspiring disposition, found that a short journey in the company of the small, trade-marked peasants, was generally more interesting than when riding in the more luxuriant wagons, so we entered the humble compartments of the train, and as it rumbled along across the flat, snow-covered landscape, through chimes of silvery birch or dark pine trees, we exchanged news and views with our fellow travellers, and submitted to personal inquiries which we would not tolerate from railway acquaintances elsewhere.



The Supreme Council of Thirty-third Degree Masons was received by President Coolidge recently, and the President posed with them for a few minutes on the White House lawn.

The Russian does not suffer from reserve, and he cannot understand reticence in others.

At a wayside station a kettle was filled with hot water, and we had a tea party, which lasted until we arrived at the nearest point to our destination, which was 12 miles distant from the railway. Three smiling peasants awaited us on the platform and led us to the rough and serviceable sleighs, very unlike the smartly vehicles, in which we were to complete our journey. Although made of sheepskin, with the wool turned inwards, we clambered, and by the time we had towed ourselves away on the ice seat, or in the bay spread at the bottom of the sleighs, all manner resembling had disappeared.

The way first lay across the icy surface of a wide river, now frozen to a depth of two feet, and then along the banks of the hidden stream. An occasional creak did not come amiss to a party in Christmas mood. Night had fallen, when lights shining through the trees indicated the manor house—our objective—and in a final spurt the hardy Finnish ponies dashed across the river, limbed the far bank, and pulled up, straining in the courtyard.

Hustess, and servants joyfully welcomed us in the porch,

and relieved us of coats and rugs,

the samovar was purring on the table, and the inevitable tea had to be drunk before preparing for dinner.

Music followed the repast. The most enthusiastic musician was a son of the house who in his school days had a remote connection with the plot, which led to the assassination of a "personage." He was arrested and sentenced to death, but this was later changed to banishment to Siberia, where he spent 26 years in exile, and whence he had returned only a few years previously. His piano-forte playing, judged technically, was not very good, but he impressed much soul to his renderings of Beethoven and other masters that he thrilled us all, and, inspired by the appreciation of his audience, he played on until the 11th hour. Right merrily we sat around the fire, and while sipping our tea, I could hear the ice crack under my feet, and the wind howl.

Presents and the universal greetings were exchanged on Christmas morning, and what time was left between our late sitting and the luncheon-hour was devoted to the preparation of the Christmas tree for the grandchild. The tree was fairytale-like, with many a tinsel garland, and the decorations were of the most varied kind. My wife completed a hundred miles, and presented to the N. I. T. station, where other members of the house party had already assembled. We were all warmly clad in fur-lined outer garments, and wore a sketchy felt boot, which resist low temperatures.

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Nothing pleased our host more than an interest in his farm stock, so after lunch we went "out around," as a Cornish farmer relative used to describe a similar inspection. We duly admired the Yorkshire pigs and Hereford cattle, all under cover, and looked in to see Chingiz Khan, the pet pony, luxuriating in the quietness caused by the weather. Then came sport: the choice lay between tobogganing down the steep river bank and out across the frozen surface, and the more

they are always of opinion that they are immune. As soon as complications do arise, however, they hasten, entirely without diffidence, to obtain expensive treatment free at the various clinics. They will talk of their "treatment" as openly as patients at a hydro will compare notes on baths.

The question arises: "Are these girls normal?" Who is to answer it correctly?

That they are dangerously numerous is too true!

And that many are mere children in years is a severe indictment of that modern intelligence which, disallowing the facts, still allows the ranks to increase day by day.

VICES LUXURY.

Sexual attraction counts for nothing with the girl who uses sex as a means to an end—a lazy and luxuriant life—something distinctly relative since individual conceptions of the same differ.

Little girls of fourteen or so compare immoral relationships in which they had a part; conservatism that is the product of lewd minds betrays the appalling fact that nothing comes as an offence to girls whose god is the wax model that displays the latest thing in lingerie, and whose boast is that they can always find a man to keep them going.

The middle-class woman who has progressed must not overlook the dangerous "progression" to-day of girls who are "advanced" to such an extent that no Mrs. Warren is needed to collect them.

AN ANTISEPTIC LINIMENT.

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THE CHINA MAIL.**CHANGED TIMES.**MRS. WARREN'S
"GIRLS."**ARE THEY "NORMAL" TYPES?**

Conditions have certainly improved in the industrial world since Mr. Shaw wrote "Mrs. Warren's Profession," and doles and other alleged benefits have to some extent eased the pressure of slum poverty, writes Mrs. M. Stephens, Superintendent, Edinburgh Rescue Shelter, in "The Weekly Dispatch."

Still, though a certain section of women to-day may claim that they possess more intelligence than society was blessed with thirty years ago, it does not follow that theories of life have worked the miracle of completely dissipating cogent facts.

Intelligent women know something about it from personal contact with girls who deliberately follow "the oldest profession in the world," will tell you that where Mrs. Warren's girls were driven to it by the only alternative of a hand-to-mouth existence which made them old before they had lived, the "unfortunate" of to-day says frankly, "Catch me being such a hooligan noise made by dropping large stones into a pond!"

The Christmas tree was lighted after dinner, and a merry evening of dancing and music followed, the Polish mazurka and the Pas Espagnole being most in demand. Boxing Day brought a change in the weather. The temperature, which had hitherto been fairly steady at a point or two above zero, now dropped several degrees below. It mattered little, however; preparations for the entertainment of the village children led us to the house—an internment to which those of us who carried a sleigh load of delicacies to the schoolhouse, a quarter of a mile away, became quite reconciled after fighting our way back through the blinding blizzard. There was an improvement towards evening, and young and old, ready at a point or two above zero, now dropped several degrees below. It mattered little, however; preparations for the entertainment of the village children led us to the house—an internment to which those of us who

were to be nothing about its slavery, and knew nothing of isolation; for those who wish to know enough to keep it dark and still mix with the people they want to be with.

Others congregate together and swap their fingers at "conviction"; soul to them counts as nothing;

the school, where the dozens of children, their locks bleached by the hot summer sun, had assembled together with their parents. The Christmas tree was fairytale-like, with many a tinsel garland, and the decorations were of the most varied kind. There was an improvement towards evening, and young and old, ready at a point or two above zero, now dropped several degrees below. It mattered little, however; preparations for the entertainment of the village children led us to the house—an internment to which those of us who

were to be nothing about its slavery, and knew nothing of isolation; for those who wish to know enough to keep it dark and still mix with the people they want to be with.

The girls of to-day, and accompanied only by the sound of scraping shovels and falling clouds of earth, the work was completed.

The secrecy with which the whole operations have been carried through by the authorities marked this last act also.

Knowledge of the place of burial had been carefully concealed from the general public, and nothing now indicates the spot beneath which the remains lie. The names were erased from the grave tablets in the pri-

on before the exhumation.

As expeditiously as possible,

and accompanied only by the

sound of scraping shovels and

falling clouds of earth, the work

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The superintendant conducted the workmen to a far corner of the cemetery where a large grave had been prepared for their re-

ception.

The exhumation and reburial

was carried out with entire lack

of ceremony. Shortly before

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HONOLULU MARU Saturday, 20th December
INDO MARU Thursday, 21st December
SEKKOW MARU Thursday, 31st December
SANGKOK — Via Siam
SEKKOW MARU Thursday, 31st December
CALCUTTA — Via Singapore and Bangkok
BINGO MARU Friday, 28th December
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER — Via Shanghai and Japan Trade.
NEW YORK — Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama
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TAIPEH MARU Friday, 28th December at 10 a.m.
AMAKUSA MARU Friday, 8th January at 10 a.m.
JAPAN PORTS
AMAZON MARU Tuesday, 2nd December
SHATELL MARU Thursday, 24th December
ALPS MARU Thursday, 14th January
TAELUNG — Via SWATOW & AMOY
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 20th Dec., at 11 a.m.
AMAKUSA MARU Thursday, 24th Dec., at 10 a.m.
TAIAO HSIAOTOW & AMOY
KOTSU MARU Thursday, 17th Dec., at 8 a.m.
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PROJECTED DEPARTURES

TAKAO

Dec. 17.—O.S.K. Kotan Maru
25.—O.S.K. Souribata Maru
SWATOW

Dec. 17.—O.S.K. Kotan Maru
30.—O.S.K. Souribata Maru

AMOY

Dec. 16.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas
17.—O.S.K. Note Maru
18.—O.S.K. Souribata Maru

Jan. 1.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas
SHANGHAI

Dec. 16.—O.S.K. Fugang
17.—J.C.J.L. Tibodas
18.—N.Y.K. Iyo Ma

19.—B.I. Takeda
23.—A.O.L. Pros. McKinley
24.—P.O. Hyder
27.—T.K.K. Tokyo Maru
29.—N.Y.K. Kachima Maru
29.—J.C.S.N. Foochang
30.—I.C.S.N. Nippon
31.—P.O. Malwa Delta
11.—T.K.K. Tokyo Maru
17.—I.K.R. Luis V. Lopez
20.—I.K.R. Karmal Shinjo Maru

Feb. 6.—T.K.K. Shinjo Maru

KELUNG

Dec. 26.—O.S.K. Souribata Maru

CHENGDU

Dec. 18.—I.C.S.N. Cheonggabok
TIENTSIN

Dec. 16.—I.C.S.N. Cheongching
HOIHOW

Dec. 20.—I.C.S.N. Mingzhang
21.—C.N. Kienan
25.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
Amakusa Maru

JAN. 8.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

PAHOI

Dec. 21.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
Jan. 8.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

SINGAPORE

Dec. 17.—B.I. Palambak
21.—G.N. Kienan
25.—B.I. Taikwa
Jan. 8.—E.A. Kienan

MANILA

Dec. 18.—I.C.S.N. Empress of Canada
21.—U.S.S.B. West Siberia
37.—A.O.L. Pros. Jefferson
38.—U.S.S.H. West Siberia
39.—H.A.I. Vogtland
41.—C.P.A. Empress of Russia
42.—H.A. Afrura
43.—B.I. Afrura
20.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru

SANDAKAN

Dec. 18.—I.C.S.N. Maisang
24.—I.C.S.N. Hinsang

CEBU & ILAO

Dec. 24.—U.S.S.B. West Siberia
25.—U.S.S.H. West Siberia

CALCUTTA VIA S'PORE, PENANG & KANGAROO

Dec. 18.—I.C.S.N. Yuenyang
19.—B.I. Tjibodas
18.—N.Y.K. Tjibodas
21.—O.S.K. Tjibodas
23.—B.I. Tjibodas
24.—L.T. Tjibodas
Jan. 10.—B.I. Kuanan
15.—I.C.S.N. Kuanan
BOMBAY AND COLOMBO VIA S'PORE & PENANG

Dec. 16.—B.I. Talabuk
16.—N.Y.K. Shanghai Maru
20.—O.S.K. Honolulu Maru
26.—P.O. Kaesgar
30.—O.S.K. Pacific Maru
31.—O.S.K. Indo Maru
37.—O.S.K. Atala Maru

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE VIA MILA & SANDAKAN

Dec. 23.—N.Y.K. Tanco Maru

Jan. 8.—E.A. Atala Maru

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

Dec. 17.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas

20.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas

21.—N.Y.K. Tjibodas

24.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas

JAPAN PORTS

Dec. 16.—Nanyo Y.K. Samarang Maru

18.—B.I. Tjibodas

21.—O.S.K. Tjibodas

24.—O.K. Tjibodas

26.—P.O. Tjibodas

29.—I.O.M.N. Tjibodas

32.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas

34.—P.O. Tjibodas

35.—O.S.K. Tjibodas

36.—B.F. Tjibodas

37.—G.L. Tjibodas

ANTWERP

Dec. 18.—N.Y.K. Estor Maru

26.—P.O. Estor Maru

Jan. 2.—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru

7.—O.S.K. Estor Maru

13.—P.O. Estor Maru

BREMEN

Dec. 28.—J.C.J.L. Westerdyk

HAMBURG

Dec. 24.—G.L. Gleboek

25.—J.C.J.L. Westerdyk

26.—H.A.I. Westerdyk

27.—B.F. Westerdyk

29.—W.L. Westerdyk

30.—B.F. City of Alton

31.—B.F. Adolf von Beyer

32.—B.F. Glenshield

COPENHAGEN

Jan. 10.—E.A. Malaya

NAPLES VIA PORTS

Jan. 8.—H.S.L. Adol. von Baer

Feb. 9.—H.S.L. Emil Endorf

Buenos Aires via CAPE TOWN

Dec. 28.—N.Y.K. Kawachi Maru

30.—O.S.K. Sancho Maru

BARCELONA & VALENCIA

Dec. 16.—B.B. Legasti

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE

Jan. 4.—L.T. Viminale

Feb. 4.—L.T. Legastino

GENOA

Dec. 10.—B.F. Titan

11.—B.F. Ixion

21.—J.C.J.L. Woteland

28.—H.A.I. Vogtland

HAIFEN

Dec. 10.—B.F. Titan

11.—B.F. Ixion

21.—B.F. Vogtland

MELVILLE

Dec. 18.—B.F. Patroclus

19.—B.F. Titian

21.—M.M. Paul Loeck

22.—B.F. Ixion

24.—P.O. Kubera

25.—J.C.J.L. Westerdyk

27.—H.A.I. Vogtland

28.—B.F. Morris

29.—N.Y.K. Rama Maru

30.—G.M. Macdonald

31.—B.F. Antenor

32.—B.F. Rhubarb

33.—B.F. Dardanus

34.—H.A. Melville

35.—B.F. Glenville

36.—B.F. Kymber

37.—B.F. Kymber

38.—B.F. Carmarthenshire

39.—B.F. Dardanus

40.—B.F. Glenville

41.—B.F. Kymber

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"DELTA"	8,697	Marsailles and London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,641	Sports, Poole, Coble & Bay
"KARMALA"	9,039	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
"MANJUA"	10,902	18th Feb.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.
"KEIVA"	8,150	17th Mar.
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd April
"DEVANHA"	8,156	17th April
"KALYAN"	9,141	21st April
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May
"KASGEAR"	9,005	16th May

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"SANTHIA"	8,500	29th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	8,000	8th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island
"ST. ALBANS"	8,500	3rd Feb.	Towsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	8,568	3rd Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th April	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	11th May	do.
"TANDA"	8,568	2nd June	do.

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"SICILIA"	8,512	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KEYBER"	9,114	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"HEYMETTUS"	4,606	2nd Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"SANTHA"	8,000	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,441	8th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"DEVA"	8,087	8th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	12th Jan.	Möll, Kōtō and Yokohama
"KARMALA"	8,128	23rd Jan.	Sasebo, Moji and Kobe
"MANJUA"	10,902	8th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,000	8th Feb.	W.H. & Co., Yokohama
"TANDA"	8,568	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KEIVA"	9,133	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MOREA"	10,918	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	8,000	13th Mar.	Möll, Kōtō and Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,105	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1nd April	Möll, Kōtō and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	10th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASGEAR"	8,005	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KEYBER"	8,114	20th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	8,568	25th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANJUA"	10,912	25th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMALA"	8,088	11th June	Moji, Kōtō, and Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	8,000	16th June	Moji, Kōtō, and Yokohama

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VESSELS DUE.

FROM AMY.

Dec. 18.—J.C.J.L. TILLWONG
FROM SHANGHAI.

on Dec. 5 a.m. left Yokohama on Dec. 5 p.m. and is due at Vancouver tomorrow.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai yesterday at 11 a.m. leaves Shanghai to-day at 11 a.m. and is due at Hongkong on Dec. 17.

The T.N.K. a.s. "Tung Maru" is due at Hongkong on Dec. 21.

The M.V. a.s. "Formosa" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.)

left Dunkirk on Nov. 14, 1925 and is due here on or about Dec. 25.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Dec. 12 and is due here on Dec. 31.

The M.V. a.s. "Kanbara Maru" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Dec. 12 and is due here on Dec. 31.

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"KING OF KINGS."

"Have you seen the Shah?" was the theme of one of those ephemeral songs that grip the senses from time to time. The Music Hall "poet" added "smoking his cigar" and the couplet helped in the visualisation of the Persian potentate who at that time was about to visit England. Events have moved slowly but surely in Persia, until now a new ruler reigns in place of the old—a young man who, at the age of 16, became Persia's ruler, the "King of Kings," and now, under thirty is a spendthrift exile in Paris, squandering his time and the wealth that has been his by right of his Kingship, in what is popularly known as "riotous living." One of the most exclusive monarchies on earth now comes to a private soldier in a Cossack regiment garrisoned in Persia. Little sympathy seems to be forthcoming for the ex-Shah. He is blamed for the present situation. Two years ago he left Persia to regale himself with the delights of Paris, and there he has been spending lavishly of the money that has been wrung from the Persian people. The iron-willed soldier who has succeeded him is fighting for the unification of his country. Already reforms of various kinds are to be laid to his credit. Weights and measures have been simplified; the causes of sanitation, public charity and education have been furthered and he has performed a signal service in initiating a system of orderly accounting in the State finances. Here then seems indeed a "King of Kings" likely to serve to the full the country over which he is to rule. Persia has loomed in politics for very many years, whilst she has been the centre of

conflicting international forces, thanks to the almost embarrassing abundance of oil within her boundaries. Britain and Russia have both been interested in the country. The British sphere in the South, includes access to the Persian Gulf; the Russian is in the north, including a territory that is approximately twice the extent of the British. The Soviets renounced the agreement of 1907 which gave their country rights in the north, though they have since laid claim to the territory and have bent every effort to establishing their influence in an effort to drive out the British. Whether the present appointment by the Constituent Assembly will be an encouragement to the Soviets to further their "doctrine," remains to be seen. The personality of the present ruler seems to suggest that no "Red" inroads will be tolerated, whilst he is helped somewhat by the fact that the nations of the West are bound by international commitments entered into since the war, to observe the country's integrity. Such "movements," as the one that has taken place in Persia demonstrate anew the vital necessity of Europe setting its own house in order, bringing peace to its troubled concerns, the better to face whatever consequences may arise from the progressive and other movements taking place in other parts of the world. The question of opium is but another of the things associated with Persia, for only this month has the Council of the League of Nations approved the proposal to despatch a commission of enquiry to the country on the subject of the cultivation of opium. The first act of King Pahlevi, the name assumed by Reza Khan, was to order the liberation of all political prisoners, grant an amnesty to the former Shah, members of the late dynastic family, and members of the royal household, who will be pensioned. The price of bread has been reduced through a Government subsidy. Judging from these acts, the King has started well and given evidence of a desire to advance Persia materially and to give this once remnant of a mighty empire a stable Government.

Hongkong Stamps.

Arriving in the Colony in sealed boxes and put down in the accounts at the value of their cost of production, Hongkong's postage stamps are then taken charge of by the Treasury and assume the value of their face-bearing. They thus jump in value some two hundred times as they are purchased through the Crown agents on a sliding scale (according to quantity) at something like sixpence a thousand. They arrive in boxes

of 500 sheets, in the case of ordinary stamps, each sheet containing 240 stamps. This number is obviously more convenient where the currency in question is pounds and the value of stamps, pence or half-pence, but for places where dollars and cents are in use it occasions considerable difficulty in accounting. Sets of 100 are obviously more desirable where the currencies are on a decimal system. It was these considerations which led the Hongkong postal authorities when there was occasion two years ago to have made a special plate for "postage due" stamps, to have it cast in the 100-set form. Although this has proved a considerable help, it is doubtful whether the Crown Agents will be requested to go to the expense of changing all the stamp plates for Hongkong until such change as may be considered necessary in general design or by reason of change in the reigning sovereign, for stamps are done for the whole of the Empire in practically the same operation and with the same plates. There is, however, no longer the impediment that there was at one time to any change. Until comparatively recent times the paper supplied for the use of Colonies by the Crown agents had the watermarks so arranged as to give one complete watermark to each stamp but with the present watermarked paper there is no need to make the plates for dollar Colonies and protected States exactly the same as for the pence pieces. The occasion of an appeal to Governors of British Colonies for stamps to be sold in aid of charity was made the occasion of an article in a London journal in which the methods of stamp production were reviewed and from this it would appear that there is no logical reason why in the case of those Colonies where it would be such an obvious advantage for postal accountancy, stamps should not be produced in 50's and 100's. It seems a comparative small matter, hardly worth while cavilling over, but it is interesting in that it illustrates how slowly the official mind changes where matters which are looked upon as those of routine are concerned.

MOTOR FATALITY.

**DEATH INQUIRY
VERDICT.**

A PURE ACCIDENT.

The death of a Chinese youth from injuries received when he was knocked down by a taxicab at Wan Chai on November 22 was the subject of an inquiry before a coroner and jury at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Medical evidence showed that death was due to haemorrhage and shock following a rupture of the spleen.

The taxi driver's evidence, which was corroborated by another driver riding on the vehicle at the time of the accident, was that the deceased jumped from a tram car coming from the opposite direction and got in front of his car when only two paces away. Brakes were applied, but it was too late.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury.

THEFT CHARGE.

**SHOP MANAGER ALLEGES
CONSPIRACY.**

STORY OF A RANSOM.

At a further hearing at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of a case in which a Chinese rice shop manager was charged with the larceny of \$370 belonging to the firm, it was alleged by the defendant through his solicitor, Mr. L. D. Turner, that there had been a quarrel between the defendant and the complainant (a woman partner) when the latter was asked for repayment of money paid as ransom for rescuing her two children from the hands of pirates. A conspiracy was therefore alleged in the present prosecution by the complainant, who was under an obligation to the defendant.

The case was again adjourned.

AN OFFER.

(Reader's Service.)

Tokyo, December 15.

A Kokusai message from Mukden states Kuo Sung-tin is prepared to allow Chung Tso-lin to re-ire in safety and retain his private property, provided he retires without further fighting and withdraws his arms from Haiping.

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SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Are we ever to see this in Hongkong?—

I passed a funeral

Funeral

tin-in-the-fields

a few days ago,

says a London writer. How dif-

ferent it was from the funerals

of my youth. There were no

nodding plumes; there was no

one black horse; and there were

no white flowers.

It was all done by motor-car;

and nearly all the blossoms of

which the wreaths were made

were brown: they were glorious

chrysanthemums of golden-

brown leaves.

I did not notice one sickly lily,

with an odour that my youth

makes me associate always with

death.

And there was no crape!

The words "funeral" "pace"

scarce apply nowadays. The

motor-car funeral does not block

the traffic; it passes sedately,

smoothly, but not at a snail's pace.

Afternoon tea is a

curious meal. In

England, the land of

its birth, it is with

out honour: people drink it stand-

ing up, sitting down, or walking

about—at a table, at a desk, or

off the corner of the mantelpiece;

sometimes it is merely imbibed

from a thermos flask in the back

office. No Englishman or Scots-

man really cares where or how he

has his tea, so long as he gets it.

But when Tea crosses the Ocean

and becomes an imported custom,

it is invested with a strange and

unseen pomp. Foreigners have

missed the point of Tea, which

is that it is above all things a

hugger-mugger affair. Because

the Englishman would rather perish than go without it, the Frenchman and American conclude that some mystic importance attaches to the liquid—something that goes down to the roots of the British constitution—something which demands libations, and possibly an incantation or two. So the Frenchman puts on his best clothes to drink it, and calls it The Five O'Clock. In America—America proper, west of the Alleghanies—if your hostess, in the kindness of heart, sets out to prepare you a cup, she does so with the preoccupied solemnity of a chemist making up a prescription or an astrologer compounding a love-potion; and the resulting concoction is very much what you would expect.

Ian Hay, who wrote the above,

should come to Hongkong to ex-

tend his studies in the mystic rite

of afternoon tea. Sufficient to

say that if you see a married man

wending his way home fairly late

in the evening, it will be a good

guess to suggest his wife has either been attending an after-

noon tea party, or is holding one!

Speaking of Epitaphs, "apha" remarks a

genial soul, "how does this one strike you? It is on a

tomstone at Potterne, Wilts, England:

Here lies Mary, the wife of John

Ford.

We hope her soul is gone to the

Lord.

But if for Hell she has chang'd

her life

She had better be there than be

John Ford's wife."

Very warm.

MEDIAEVAL SURGERY.

In the October number of the "Nineteenth Century" Dr. G. D. Hindley describes the history of a very interesting flicker of light towards the end of what are often known as the Dark Ages, writes the "Manchester Guardian." He

tells how two surgeons, master

and pupil, in the last half of the

thirteenth century and the begin-

ning of the fourteenth broke away

WEDDING BELLS.

CEREMONY IN FAR-OFF
YUNNANFU.

BRITISH COUPLE MARRIED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Yunnanfu, Dec. 3.
A very interesting ceremony took place in the capital on December 1, when Dr. Cyril J. Austin, son of the late Mr. Austin, and Mrs. Austin, of Exeter, and Miss Alice A. L. Barwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Barwick, of South Moulton, Devon, were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony.

The bride and bridegroom are both missionaries of the United Methodist Mission, and have been located in Chouting, a prosperous city in the north of the province, to which they intend returning to carry on the work which is so dear to them amongst the Chinese.

The marriage took place at the residence of the Rev. C. N. Mylne, who also conducted the service, and the drawing room was tastefully decorated for the occasion with bamboos and flowers, presenting a very pleasing spectacle. The weather was all that could be desired, the sun shedding beneficent rays upon the assembled company.

A goodly number of friends were present for the occasion, among whom were the British Consul-General (who unfortunately was late in arriving, having been detained by important business) and the American Consul and his wife.

The bride looked very charming in a gown of white crepe-de-chine, trimmed with silver lace, and a full veil embroidered with silk broider, held in place with rose buds. She carried a spray-bouquet of dark red roses, and was attended by two pretty little bridesmaids, the Misses Viola and Vivienne Mylne, dressed in pink flowered silk, and carrying baskets of roses similar to those carried by the bride.

After the ceremony (which had been preceded by the civil ceremony at the British Consulate) photos were taken, and then a reception was held during which refreshments were served. Mrs. Mylne was hostess, to whom the best thanks of the company are due for all the arrangements which were perfectly carried out, even to the provision of a splendid wedding cake.

The honeymoon is to be spent in Hongkong, whither the happy couple departed on Wednesday morning, December 2, by the early train, several friends being present at the station to wish them "bon voyage."

The good wishes of the whole community follow them, which are emphasized by the fact that this wedding was planned for September, but has had to be delayed owing to the disturbed conditions prevailing in this province, so that the journey could not be undertaken earlier.

We look forward to the return of Dr. and Mrs. Austin to the capital, where they intend spending Christmas.

WORLD PEACE.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Glenrothes, December 14.
The League Council has adopted the report of the sub-committee, consisting of Sir Austin Chamberlain, M. Hyman and Baron Joffe, endorsing the findings of the Rumford Commission on the Greco-Bulgarian dispute. Sir Austin, as rapporteur, reading the report, said the invasion of Bulgarian territory was unjustified. Greece acted without premeditation but it was not necessary, in order to re-occupy a little post and overcome a few men, to undertake operations over twenty kilometres. An indemnity of thirty million levas should be paid within two months.

The bulk of the journalists on leaving the hall at the conclusion of the Greco-Bulgarian affair were hasty recalled to hear a speech by Sir Austin Chamberlain not scheduled on the agenda. He said, in handing over the Locarno agreement for deposit in the archives of the League, that the Powers concerned intended to inaugurate a new phase in their relations, carefully avoiding provocation or offence to others, and establish peace between themselves, thus helping to stabilise the peace of the world and give rest and confidence to other nations.

There is a story—a chestnut, of course—of a man who entered a well-known Anglers' Inn and saw, preserved in a case on the wall, a monster salmon—we hesitate to mention its weight. He looked at it for a while, and then said, solemnly: "The man who caught that fish was a liar."

DEBT HOPES.

GERMANY UNDER DAWES PLAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 14.
The report of Mr. Parker Gilbert, Agent General of German Reparation payments, on the first year's working of the Dawes Plan, shows that the plan has realised its objects in balancing the German budget and stabilising the German currency.

Full provision is made for a milliard gold marks, which it is estimated Germany will be able to pay the first year, and although some money has not been handed over, the balance is at the disposal of the Agent General, who pays a tribute to the manner in which the Germans have co-operated in the work.

The report expresses the opinion that Germany, for some time to come, must rely on long credits from abroad, but that the prospects for a peaceful reconstruction of Europe are hopeful, although Germany has still many difficulties to overcome.

"Pas des Fleurs" (by request), remarks Father, reading from the sea-side concert programme. "Do you know what that means, Ethel?" After a moment's pause Ethel, suddenly inspired by the parenthetical, "by request," responds brightly: "Of course, Dad."

"Because that's the one I catch."

WAR UP NORTH.

"CHRISTIAN GENERAL" NOW LOSING.

THE TRAIN INCIDENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, December 13.

With regard to the international train which was caught in the battle at Yangtze, (reported yesterday), the passengers, including women and children, had to take refuge under the carriages. On board the train were nine Britishers, including Colonel and Mrs. Haslehurst, twenty Americans, some prominent Japanese and also four League of Nations Commissioners who are visiting Manchuria in connection with plague prevention.

It appears that a Kuomintang armoured train followed the international train to Yangtze where it landed a thousand infantry, while artillery began shelling Gen. Li Ching-han's forces across the river.

Tientsin, December 14.

Latest reports from Peiping indicate that, though outnumbered, Li Ching-han's troops are holding their own and have even advanced a few miles toward Yangtze.

Li Ching-han's advance is confirmed. He has driven out Feng Yu-hsiung's troops from Yangtze. After an old dog battle, his troops took Feng's trenches at the point.

Li states that southern China is freed from the Kuomintang menace. He is able to obtain ammunition from Tientsin which, a week ago, was surrounded by the Kuomintang troops.

He also states that he is not helped by Chiang Tsao-tsin and has no understanding with him, but Wu Pei-fu has agreed to defend southern China in the event of the Kuomintang troops advancing from Hunan again.

The legations have vigorously protested against this breach of the Boxer Protocol. It is understood that arrangements are being made to despatch a relief train from Tientsin.

The Japanese on board the ship included Mr. Mochizuki, the leader of the Konsaitai party and Mr. Ueda, Parliamentarian Under Secretary for the Navy.

Peking, December 14.

The international train returned to Peking this evening all safe.

OTTAWA PREPARATIONS.

Tokyo, December 13.

An "Asahi" message from Mukden states that Gen. Kuo Sung-lung's forces have entered Newchwang without fighting. Japanese police have been despatched for the protection of residents.

Tokyo, December 14.

The Navy is probably sending one or two destroyers from Port Arthur to Tientsin with food and clothing for Japanese nationals.

While the government spokesman admits a battle is imminent near Mukden, it is insisted that Chiang Tsao-tsin's troops are numbered and his fall is expected momentarily.

Japanese sources report that Wu Pei-fu is marching on Shanghai.

SACK THE LOT!

NEW JACKY FISHERS IN CHINA.

ATTEMPT ON OFFICIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Yunnanfu, Dec. 3.

Interesting events in the capital of the province are pending, owing to developments which have taken place of late.

A short time ago, eight of the leading officials of the local government received letters of complaint, accompanied by threats from the officers of the army, and the military secretaries.

The complaint was that where as they had done all the fighting and thereby kept those here in safety, on their return, they not only did not receive pay, but found that all the jobs worth having had been given to the stay-at-homes and their relatives and friends.

The threat was that unless justice was done within a certain time, a limit to which was set, the officers would take the law into their own hands, and deal out justice to those in office, in a manner which would teach others not to offend in like manner.

The Secretary of Finance, Mr. Tung, resigned at once, without waiting to see the threat carried out, but Mr. Beh, private secretary to the Governor, and Minister of Mines and Tobacco, held on, and was attacked, and seriously wounded, being stabbed in mortally one place.

Although there is a rumour that he has since died, this is not confirmed. The office of Finance Secretary has not yet been filled.

The time limit has now been extended by ten days to give the officials time to decide what they will do, and as this limit will expire in about eight days, we are waiting to see what will happen. It looks as if there must be improvement since things could not very well be worse.

There are persistent reports that General Fan Shek-wing has not gone to Canton, but is still in the neighbourhood of K'ui-hwa.

—R. F.



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CAPTAIN BLOOD.

TO-DAY'S BIG QUEEN'S PICTURE.

"SEA HAWK" ECLIPSED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Yunnanfu, Dec. 3.

Swift upon the folded reels of "The Sea Hawk" comes another Sabatini film. The same screen that saw the much liked sixteenth century story of buccaneers and sea battles, now throws back a very similar narrative set a century later in the time when men went about with long fustions or clean-cut curls draped about their necks. The story of "Captain Blood" opens during the battle of Sedgemoor, when the Duke of Monmouth was hot after the throne of James II and in the midst of the alarms and excursions incidental thereto, Peter Blood, a young Irishman, is arrested by His Majesty's redcoats, accused of treason, and sent to the West Indies as a slave. He leads his fellow bondsmen to the capture of a Spanish frigate during a raid on Bridgetown, and falls into all manner of stirring adventure, both afloat and ashore, coming out victorious in each and every enterprise, just as all good Sabatini heroes always do. Perhaps no period in history makes such demands upon the wardrobe mistresses as the overdressed days of the Stuarts. Cascades of curling for men, and women, huge felt hats, brimming over with full-fashioned plumes, endless coats and vests and capes belted, brocaded and buckled enormous skirts and mantles ruffled and flounced, envelop the characters in this picture almost to the point of extinction. J. Warren Kerrigan succeeds in making Captain Blood a telling figure. The entire cast, which is large, is also very capable.

Where the newest Sabatini picture specially scores is in its general liveliness of plot and in its nautical inventiveness.

There is much stirring action aboard full-rigged frigates of the line, culminating in an impressive naval engagement with quantities of smoke and powder. While the characters are not as vigorously defined as in "The Sea Hawk," there is less monotony of plot development. Right from the start, "Captain Blood" is an intelligently contrived costume picture of the conventional order, reportedly interesting and at times an absorbing spectacle.

—R. F.

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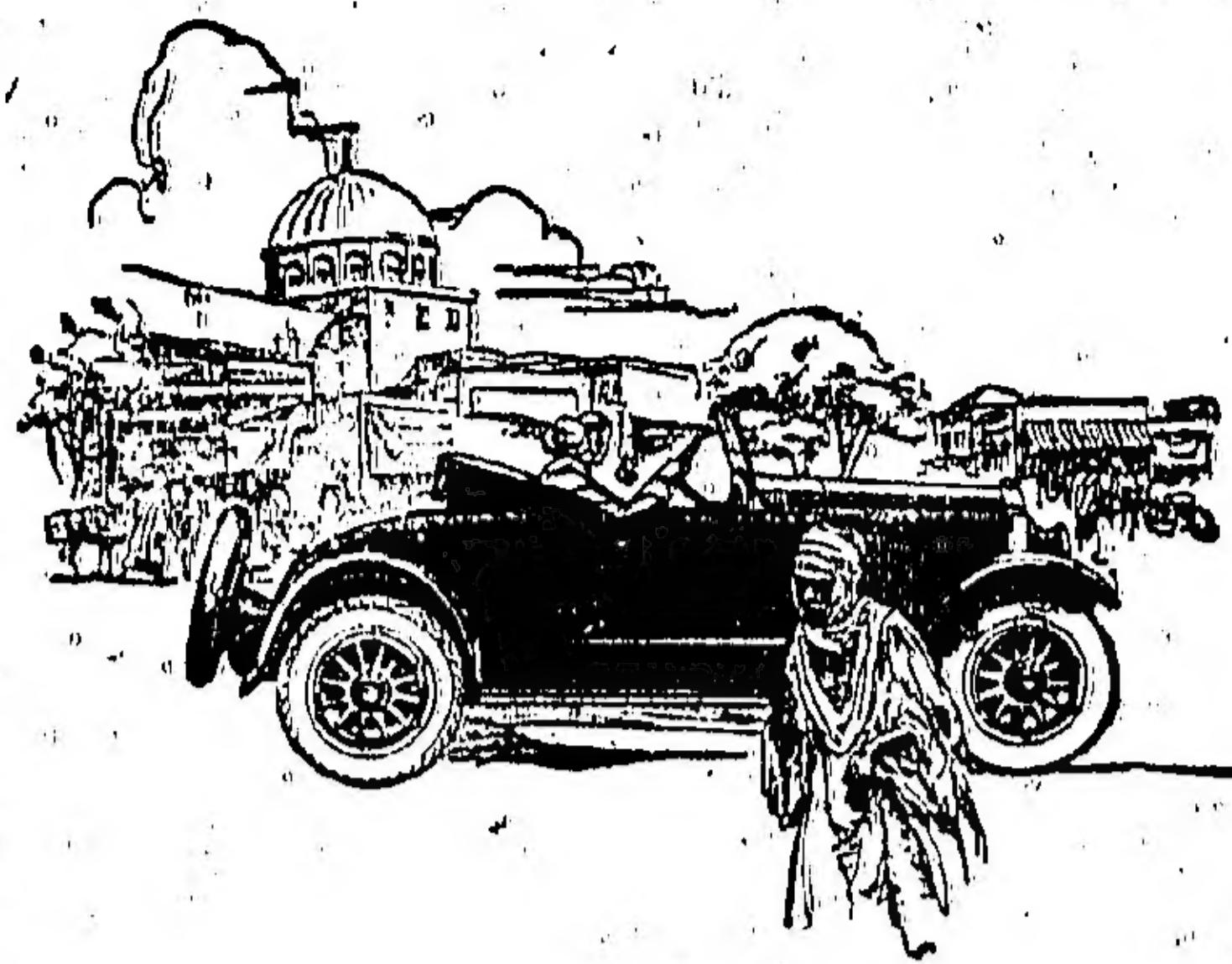
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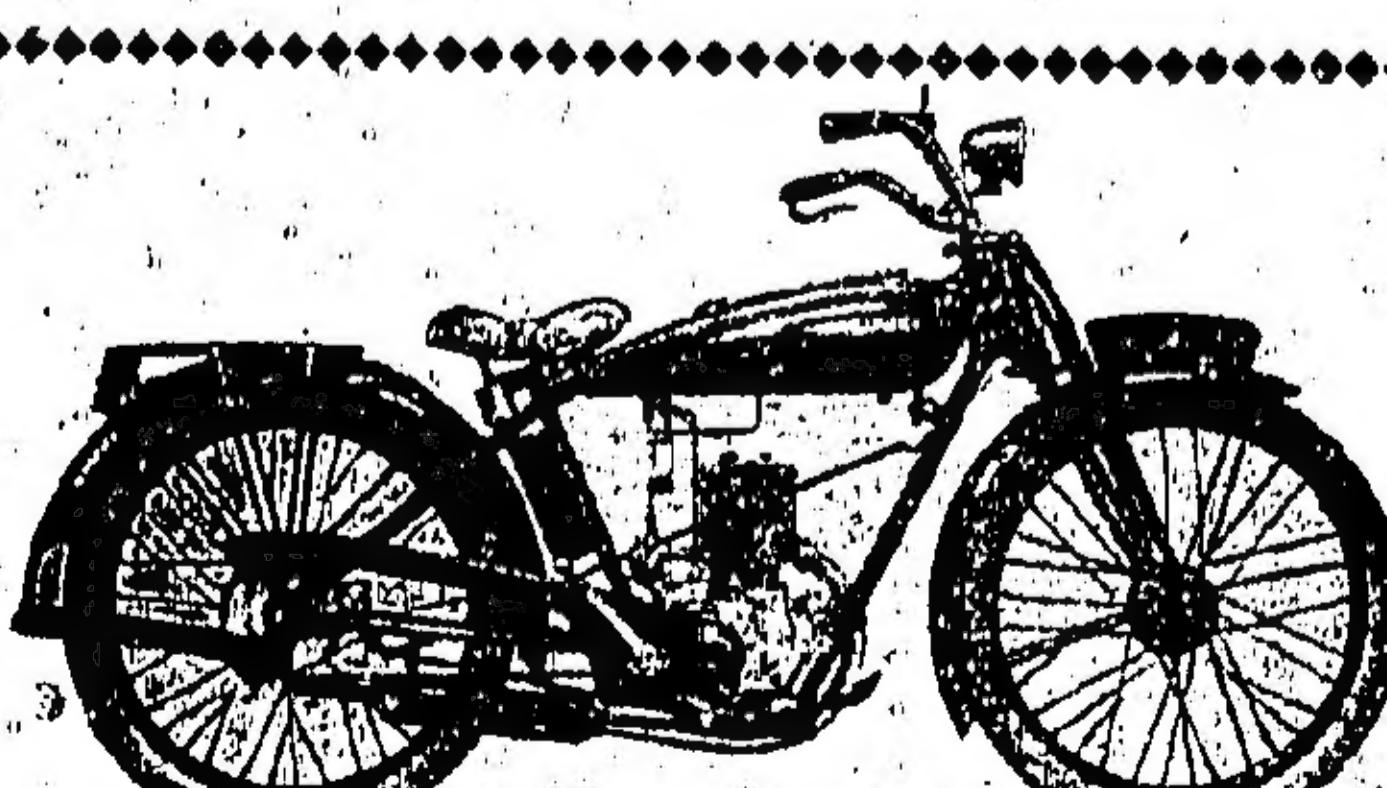
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The Colony had a clean bill of health for the week-end.

Ceylon's Poppy Day collection this year amounted to £6,000, which is nearly three times the amount collected last year. Malaya topped the list last year with £5,306.10.6. Kedah's Poppy Day effort has resulted in \$3,065 being raised for Earl Haig's Fund.

Chinese audiences are becoming just as critical of their operas as Americans are of theirs, according to Miss Mon Sue Fawn, who is on the way from Canton to San Francisco to play the leading role in a Chinese opera company. She was selected from among 500 contestants in Canton.

Notice is given that the "Shasiang" Wreck Mack Buoy marking the position of the "Shao-hsing" wreck, which lies east of the fairway in the South Channel Entrance to the Yangtze River, has been withdrawn. (Chart affected: Marine Department Chart No. 1.)

A newspaper published in the provincial town of Ufa, Russia recently emerged into the limelight of publicity as a result of employing somewhat too vivid advertising methods. A Communist satirical magazine called Crocodile is published in Moscow; and the Ufa newspaper, in an effort to beat up subscriptions for the Crocodile, announced that a real crocodile had escaped from the Moscow Zoo and was making its way along the Volga and Kama Rivers to Ufa. Every day the newspaper published fresh details about the progress of the river monster. The credulous peasants of the surrounding countryside became terrified. They locked up their houses and placed chickens on the road as propitiatory offerings for the dreaded crocodile. The newspaper finally disclosed the hoax; but it is likely that the peasants of this region will shiver at the mention of the word crocodile for many months.

The blind girls of the C.M.S. Blind Home, Kowloon City, are to give a Carol Singing entertainment on Monday next at 2.30 p.m.

The Government organ advocates the adoption of Sunday instead of Friday, as the day of rest in Turkey. The idea is to bring Turkey in line with the Western powers and also avoid the loss of two days weekly, as both Friday and Sunday have been rest days.

Resolutions calling for a redesignation of "Armistice Day" as "Wilson Day" have been adopted by the Downtown Chamber of Commerce of New York. Chambers of Commerce throughout the country, chapters of the American Legion and other bodies will be asked to join in a movement to lay the request before Congress for official action.

A pretty custom was recently exemplified in Moscow when everyone seemed to be buying and wearing flowers. This was in honour of the fabled birthday of the goddess of wisdom (Sofia) and her three daughters, Faith, Hope and Charity (Vera, Nadyezhda and Lubov). All these names are very popular in Russia; and all the Sofias, Veras, Nadyezhdas and Lubovs were supposed to put on flowers in honour of the day.

Col. Vernon Willey, president of the British Federation of Industries, deserves commendation for his effort to combat the fallacy which he has said he found strongly rooted in the United States, that "Great Britain is 'down and out.'" "This belief," he declared on returning to England from America, "is doing our interests much harm." And he added that the average American seems to believe that the old British spirit of initiative and the British capacity to battle against difficulties have been lost. Well, what if he does, provided it is not a fact. It was an eighteenth century playwright who made one of his characters say that the people of England are never so happy as when you tell them they are ruined!

Some of the more prosperous inhabitants of Moscow are escaping the restrictions of the acute housing shortage by forming co-operative building associations, and building new houses on their own initiative. They are entitled to hold these houses on very long term leases, which practically assure a life tenure, and they are exempted from the very severe rationing of rooming space which practically confines the average Moscow family to a single room.

Sea-going vessels touching at American ports during the fiscal year ending June 30, carried near 1,550,000 passengers. The research bureau of the shipping board, in making public the figures of arrivals and departures, said more than 900,000 travelled first class, 316,000 second class and 332,000 third class. The relatively low figure for third class passengers was ascribed to decrease in immigration. More than 400,000 travelled between the United States and Canada.

One of London's picturesque figures, the "Muffin Man" with a hand-bell, soon will be extinct. The "profession" has been invaded by woman, trim, neat and quick. The muffin man carries his head and covered board balanced on his head and tinkles bell to attract customers. The modern sales persons are mostly young women with neat uniforms and aprons. They carry baskets on their arms in the same way that "Nell of Old Drury" carried her basket of oranges.

Paris, which is perpetually awaiting the congestion of its traffic, has been rather cheered by the visit of Frank Eliot, the assistant commissioner of the London police, who came to study the Paris traffic regulations. The Paris public has believed that these things are managed better in London. But now London comes to Paris to take lessons. The Paris congestion will not be lessened by the knowledge that London, too, is congested, but somehow Parisians find some consolation in the admission.

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BIG FIGHT COMING OFF.

CARTLIDGE V. MORRIS.

INTERPORT DATES.

LOCAL RUGGERITES IN SHANGHAI.

TRIANGULAR TOURNEY.

HOME F.A. CUP.

HOW THE BIG 'UNS HAVE BEEN PAIRED.

DRAW FOR THIRD ROUND.

(Reuters' Service.)

London, Dec. 14.—The F.A. Cup draw for the third round proper (home team given first), to be played on January 9, resulted:—

New Brighton v. Wednesday, Keio University, Wolverhampton v. Arsenal, Derby County v. Portsmouth.

Notts County v. Leicester, Everton v. Fulham, Sunderland v. Boston, West Bromwich v. Bristol City.

Spurs v. West Ham, Chesterfield v. Clapton Orient, Port Vale v. Manchester United, Hull v. Aston Villa, Sheffield United v. Stockport, Clapton v. Swindon.

Southampton v. Liverpool, Notts Forest v. Bradford City, Newcastle v. Aberdare, Plymouth v. Chelsea.

Northampton v. Crystal Palace, Accrington v. Bolton, Crewe or Wigan v. Stoke, Birmingham v. Kettering or Grimsby.

Cardiff v. Burnley, South Shields v. Chilton Colliery of Rochdale.

Queen's Park Rangers or Charlton v. Huddersfield, Rotherham v. Bury, Corithians v. Manchester City, Blackburn v. Preston, Blackpool v. Swans.

Bournemouth v. Reading, Middlesbrough v. Leeds.

Millwall v. Oldham, Southend v. Southport.

[Note.—Sheffield United are holders and Cardiff runners-up. Both are drawn at home.]

League—Div. II.

In the English League (Division II) Oldham beat Derby by 2 goals to nil.

The table to date follows:—

Division II.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Wednesday...19 12 3 4 45 24 27

Chelsea...18 10 6 2 41 17 26

Derby C...18 10 5 3 36 18 23

Oldham...17 10 4 3 34 20 24

Middlesb...20 12 0 8 42 37 24

South Shields...20 3 7 37 32 23

Port Vale...19 10 2 7 40 32 22

Portsmouth...20 9 4 7 41 47 22

Preston N.E...21 9 2 10 40 49 20

Bradford C...18 7 5 6 24 18 10

Blackpool...20 8 3 9 37 31 18

Wolves...18 7 4 7 28 27 18

Hull City...19 8 2 9 25 26 18

Swansea...16 8 1 7 31 25 1

Darlington...19 6 5 8 31 38 17

Stoke...19 6 4 9 26 36 16

Sheffield...18 5 6 7 22 33 16

Notts Forest...19 5 5 9 21 23 15

Southampton...20 5 5 10 28 33 15

Stockport...19 4 3 12 24 41 11

Clapton...18 4 2 12 10 31 10

Fulham...19 3 4 12 20 44 10

WHITE WINGS.

ST. ANDREWS v. ST. GEORGE'S YACHTING.

Another of the annual inter-Society competitions—the sailing races between St. Andrew's and St. George's—takes place this Sunday, morning and afternoon, at the R.H.K.Y.C.

A bowls match may also be played at the Yacht Club and tiffin will be served.

C.P.O. "JIM" CARTLIDGE.



The Colony's lightweight boxing champion and belt-holder who has been matched with Stoker Morris for the main event on December 23.

HONOURING HOBBS.

HOBBS NATIVE TOWN PLANS PAVILION.

PARKER'S PIECE FUND.

London, October 12.

In the past Cambridge has honoured Tom Hayward and "Banji," and it was, therefore, hardly to be expected that the wonderful achievements of Hobbs could be allowed to pass without some recognition at his native town.

Moreover, it was felt that any permanent recognition should be associated with Parker's Piece, where Hobbs learned to play cricket.

It has now been decided to give him a complimentary dinner on November 28, the price of which is to be low enough to allow young cricketers to afford, and to start a fund for the erection of a Hobbs pavilion on Parker's Piece for the benefit of future generations of local cricketers.

In the Adamson Cup (6th competition), Mr. C. A. Grimes, with a score of 111—24—87, qualified. The last qualifying competition will be held on Sunday, December 27.

HOME RUGGER.

RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

HIGHLIGHTS FALL AT EAST.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, Nov. 19.—Under Rugby Union rules Dublin, University beat Oxford University by 23 points to 3.

London, Nov. 21.

Results of the matches played to-day in the Rugby Union are as follow:—

Blackheath 0, Guy's Hospital 16, Cambridge University 25, Old Leynians 13.

Harlequins 22, Oxford University 9.

Swansea 16, Cardiff 6.

Manly 22, Neath 3.

Gloucester 8, Newport 17.

Edinburgh University 3, Dublin University 8.

Heriotontons 3, Glasgow Acads. 11.

Edinburgh Inst. 3, Edinburgh W. 6.

Richmond 21, London Scottish 10.

Rosslyn Park 3, Old Merch. Tay 3.

Moseley 14, London Welsh 3.

Bristol 14, St. Bart's 0.

Pontypool 9, Bath 8.

Leicester 6, Portsmouth Services 0.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Northumberland beat Durham by 17 points to nil at Gosforth.

Cumberland lost to Cheshire by 3 points to nil at Wokington.

Cornwall lost to Devon by 6 points to nil at Redruth.

The Lancashire vs. Yorkshire match, which was to have been played at Manchester, was postponed.

London, Nov. 23.

Under Rugby Union rules today, United Hospitals beat Edinburgh University by eight points to five at Richmond.

London, Nov. 25.

Results of matches played to-day in the Rugby Union are as follows:—

Cambridge University 22, Edinburgh University 8.

Portsmouth Services 3, Atlantic Fleet 16.

Devonport Services 3, Army Trial Team 11.

In the county championships, Middlesex beat Surrey by 19 points to nil at Richmond.

London, Nov. 26.

Under Rugby Union rules, Oxford University beat Major Stanley's team by 13 points to 11.

October 26 was the anniversary of the founding of the English Football Association, which took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on October 26, 1863. Among the clubs represented at the first meeting were Blackheath, Crystal Palace, War Office, and Charterhouse School. In 1903 the association became a limited liability company.

WEAKER SEX?

LONDON TESTS ON GIRL ATHLETES.

LESS "H.P." THAN MEN!

(United Press.)

London, December 2.

Women have less horsepower than men, according to experiments just completed by a committee of eminent physicians.

Tests showed that even the most athletic girls were unable to show as much "horsepower" as the most ordinary men.

WHOSE BOY?

A touching scene was witnessed just before the "Alauna" sailed from Southampton when the eight-year-old Canadian boy, Roy Lawrence Neilson, bade good-bye to Mrs. Ruby Henshaw, from whose care the boy was removed by the police when they landed at Southampton.

The police had acted on telegraphic messages from Ottawa, which suggested that the boy had been abducted and that his mother was beginning legal proceedings for his recovery. Canadian immigration officials took charge of the boy, and a passage for Canada was obtained for him on the liner, by which he had travelled from Montreal to England. Mrs. Henshaw was on the liner before the boy arrived, and when questioned, refused to make any statement concerning the allegations from Ottawa.

When the boy was brought to the liner by a Canadian immigration

officer she immediately greeted him with "Hello, darling!" and he flung himself into her arms, both bursting into tears. Lawrence later told a reporter that he did not want to leave his "mother" —referring to Mrs. Henshaw.

He had never seen Mrs. Neilson, who was said to be his mother, and he felt sure she did not know him. "I think," he added, "she has seen my photo and rather likes me."

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Chartered Bank	£21 n.	£21 n.	£21 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & C.	£20/2 n.	£20/2 n.	£20/2 n.
do.	£13/2 n.	£12 n.	£12 n.
P. & O. Bank	20/2 n.	£10/2 n.	£10/2 n.
Bank of East Asia	£85 n.	£80 n.	£80 s.
Marine Insurance	600 n.	600 b.	600 b.
Canton Insurance	2/20 b.	2/20 b.	2/20 b.
China Underwriters	T 140 n.	T 140 n.	T 140 n.
North China Insurance	25/2 b.	25/2 b.	25/2 b.
Union Insurance	35 b.	35 b.	35 b.
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do. (Def.) Ltd.	65/ s.	40 n.	65 s.
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Shell Transport	7/ b.	60 b.	60 b.
Star Ferries	61 n.	61 b.	61 b.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 n.	16 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31 n.	31 b.	31 b.
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Benguet	2 n.	—	2/4 b.
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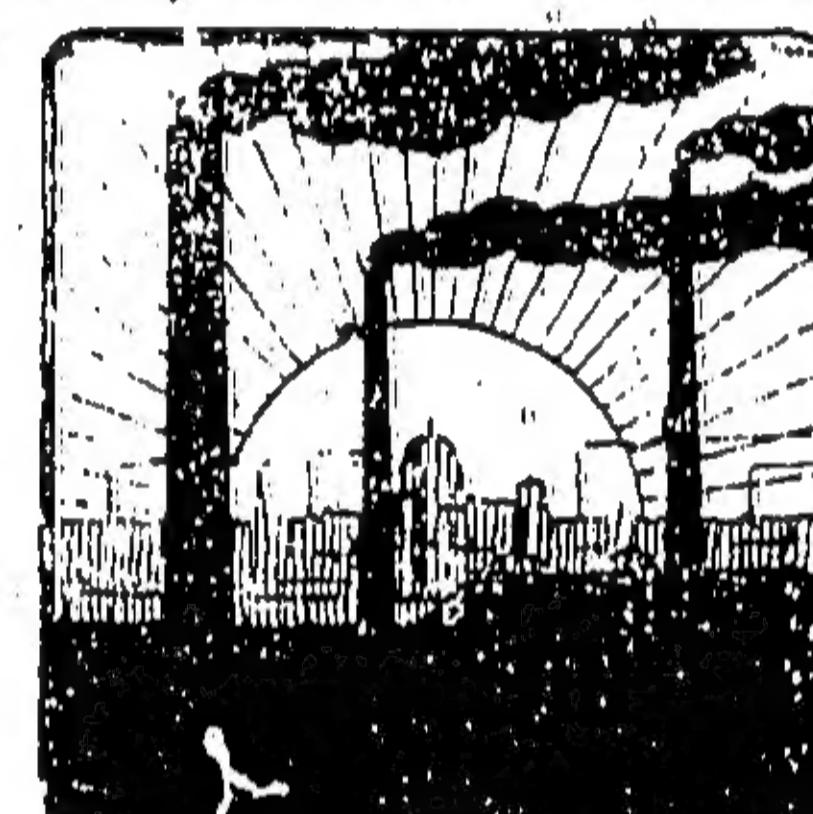
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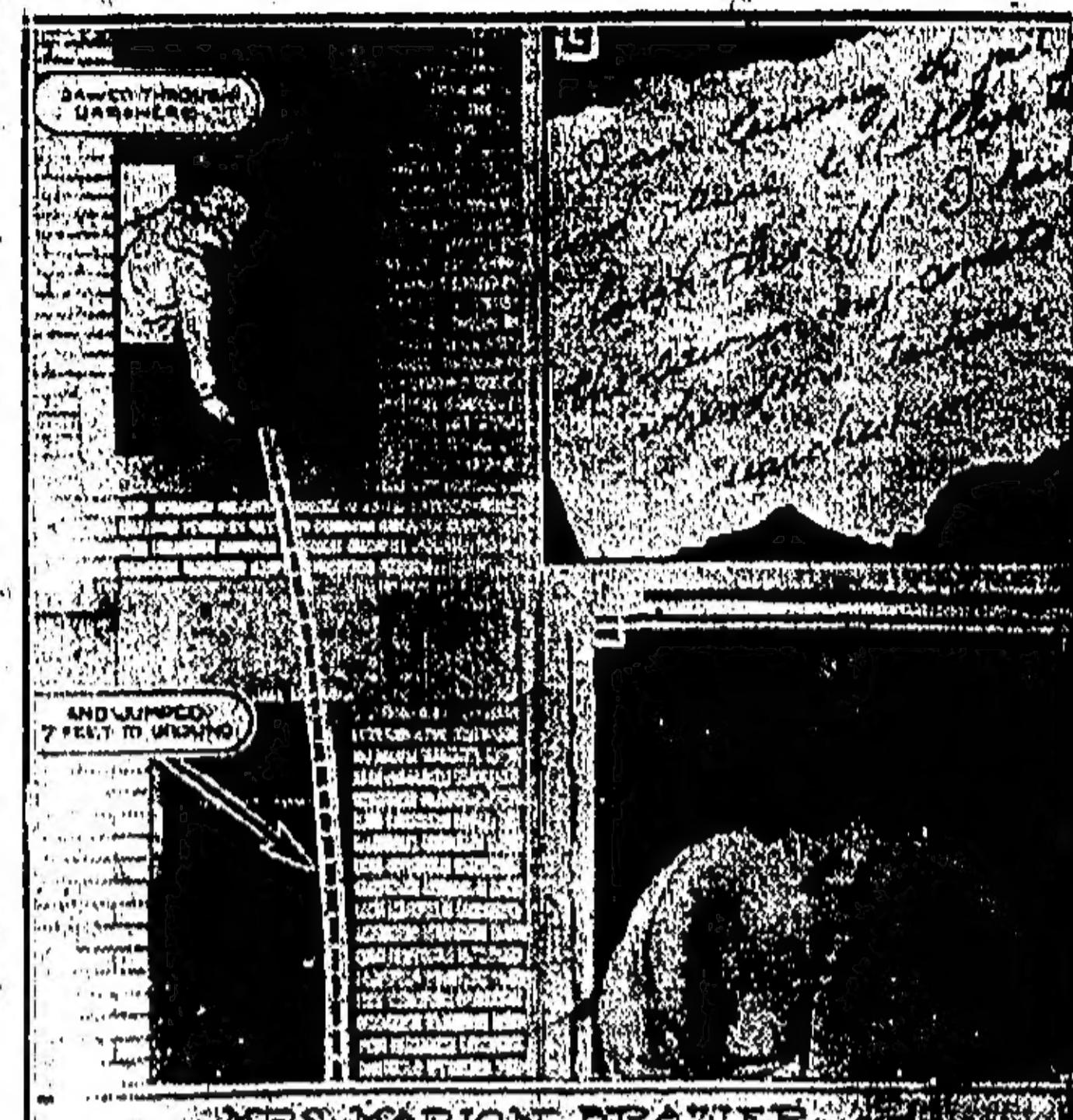


The Mayor of New York greeted Capt. Paul Greming, officers and crew of the "President Harding" which rescued 27 seamen off a foundering freighter in the face of almost certain death.



MRS. DOROTHY INGRAM

Dorothy Ingram, widow of Enrico Caruso, expects to be freed from her second husband, Capt. Ernest Ingram, wealthy Seafarer, through the Paris Courts.



MARION BRIZARD

Marion Brizard, suspected Queen of Forgers, sawed the bars of her cell in jail, leaped seven feet and escaped. She left a note for the warden.



Ann Murdoch, the actress, who questions the legality of her marriage to Harry Powers, is suing him for securities she says he extorted to him.

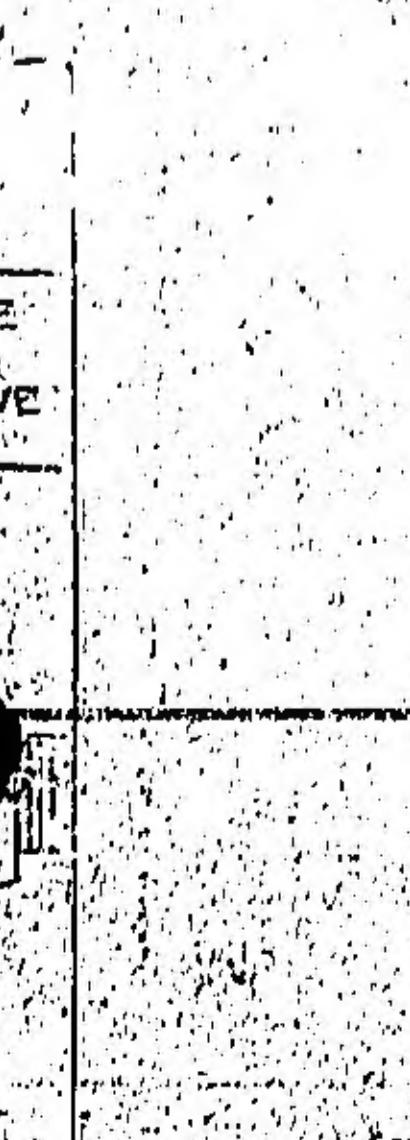
Max and Sol Lerman, twins, 15 years old, look so much alike their teachers cannot tell them apart. They took turns in truancy. Their dad was fined for their misdeeds.



Canon Carnegie, of Westminster, has denied emphatically that he said: "America is degenerating from a human society into a monkey house." Paderewski will never play in Washington again, refusing to appear as a paid performer before statesmen he met in conference when Premier of Poland. Arthur Meighen led the Conservatives to victory in the Canadian elections, defeating, among others, eight members of the Liberal cabinet, including Premier King. Elias Mortimer, who boasted of his influence in Washington, was accused in New York of obtaining \$50 by fraud.

The recall of Gen. Sarrail, commanding the French forces at Damascus, was demanded by the Nationalist element in France as a result of the trouble in Syria.

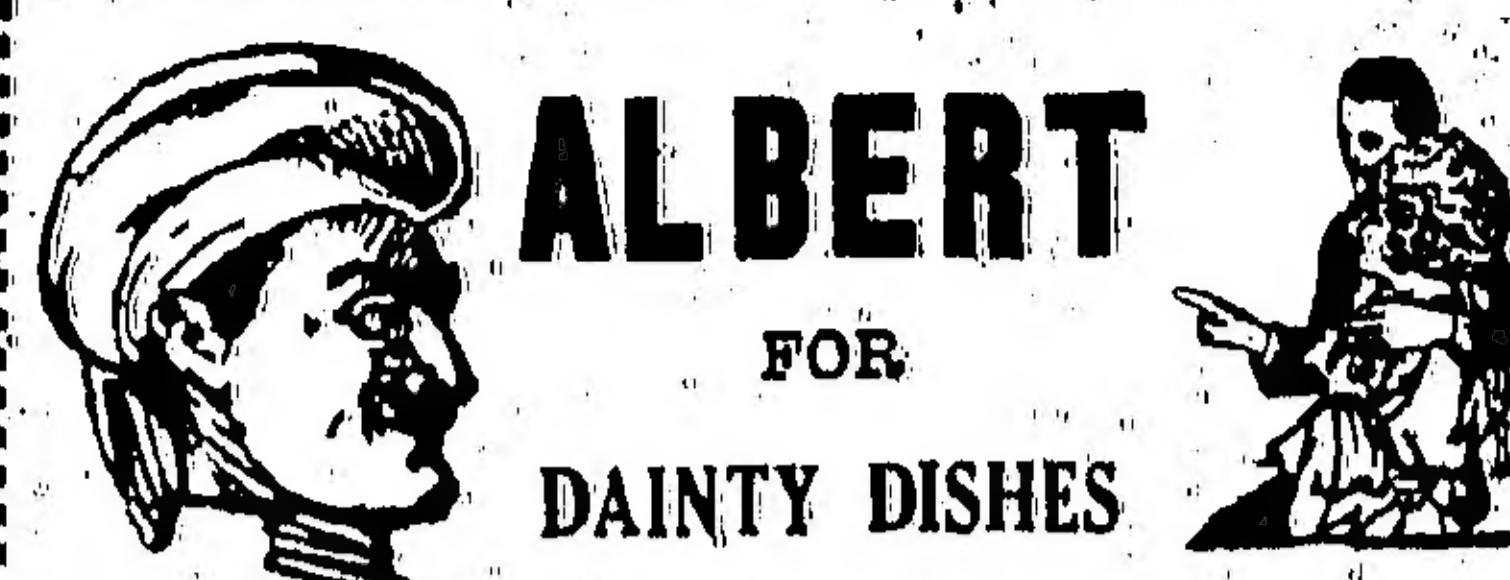
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With a collection of English, Scottish, Irish, and American stories, told to illustrate his subject, "Humour," Lord Morris, the ex-Premier of Newfoundland, kept a large audience amused for an hour and a half at the opening of the English-speaking Union's winter session. Lord Morris said that American humour was more subtle and less on the surface than English, Irish, or Scottish humour. The latter dealt with the common everyday affairs of life; the American left a good deal to the imagination, and it might not be understood outside of its particular locality. There was the story concerning the matter of a written constitution and its interpretation by the judges. A case under the Boston law that prevents the erection of a public-house within one yard of a church came before a judge, and he directed that the church should be taken down. Regarding this, Lord Morris said one who displayed unusual ingenuity or perhaps stated at another too much was known as a "rubber-neck." A lady's child, extraordinarily unprepossessing, attracted the attention of an Englishman in a car, and the mother, looking at him, said "Rubber." "Thank God, you're," the man rejoined, "I thought it was bad."

The Hangman's Fees.

The hangman—who's crest is a felon's head with a rope round the neck—held rights of exception in the district of the Duke of Devonshire, but I rather think this was a matter of jurisdiction, and not of the fact of execution," says a Scots writer. Many families in early days had that jurisdiction "of life and death," but the only private force I have ever heard of where the authority still remains is Cefn Mably, in Monmouthshire, formerly the seat of the Kemys-Tynte family, the head of which is the present Lord Whitmore. He sold the estate a year or two ago to Lord Tredegar, who has presented the house to some public authority as a sanatorium. In the reign of Henry VIII the hangman for the County of Kent got 20 shillings a year, and until recently the hangmen to the Sheriffs of the

City of London and County of Middlesex got a shilling a guinea a week and a guinea for each execution with the perquisites of the rope and the clothes of the murderer. He was usually employed by all the other Sheriffs, but what they paid I have no idea. Nowadays perquisites are abolished; one rope hangs many murderers, and the fee is 25 for each execution, with travelling expenses; and there are several executioners. In the United States the fee was 250 dollars for each execution, and this official has just resigned because the sum has been reduced to 50 dollars. But there are a lot of informal exceptions which take place in the wild and woolly West, and at one of them the Sheriff asked his victim—a negro—if he wished to say anything before he was launched into eternity. "Yes," was the reply. "I am the only one of the whole lot of you that isn't making a bit out of this performance; get on with it."

The Most Influential Man.

"If I were asked to name the most influential member of the Government I should not select the Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin drifts amiably about from all points of the compass according to any breath of wind that blows upon him or any turn of the tide that overtakes him," writes "A. G. G." in the "Daily News." "Nor should I choose Mr. Churchill, in spite of his restless energy and his intrepidity in debate, for Mr. Churchill is an adventurer without any philosophy of life or affairs, except the philosophy of action. I should name the most dour, the most drab, the least popularly attractive figure in the Cabinet. To the public Mr. Leopold Charles Maurice Steennett Amery is a name and nothing more. In private relations he is a man of attractive parts and manners, but in public life no man has reached the front rank with so few of the arts of popular appeal or with so little success in impressing his personality on the public mind." Lady Chatterjee's Suggestion.

"In England Truck Acts have been in force since 1831. No similar protection is afforded to workers in India. Many firms have very elaborate systems of fines in force," writes Lady Chatterjee in the "Asian Review." "Not only do they make deductions of wages for double the length of absence, but they also withhold wages when workers leave without giving due notice. The fines relating to faulty work are also in many cases severe. As the workers are, in the majority of cases, illiterate, and as wages are, in the Bombay cotton-mill industry, for instance, paid six weeks in arrears, it is not possible for them either to check the amount of the fines deducted from their wages or even to comprehend exactly for what reasons the fines have been imposed."

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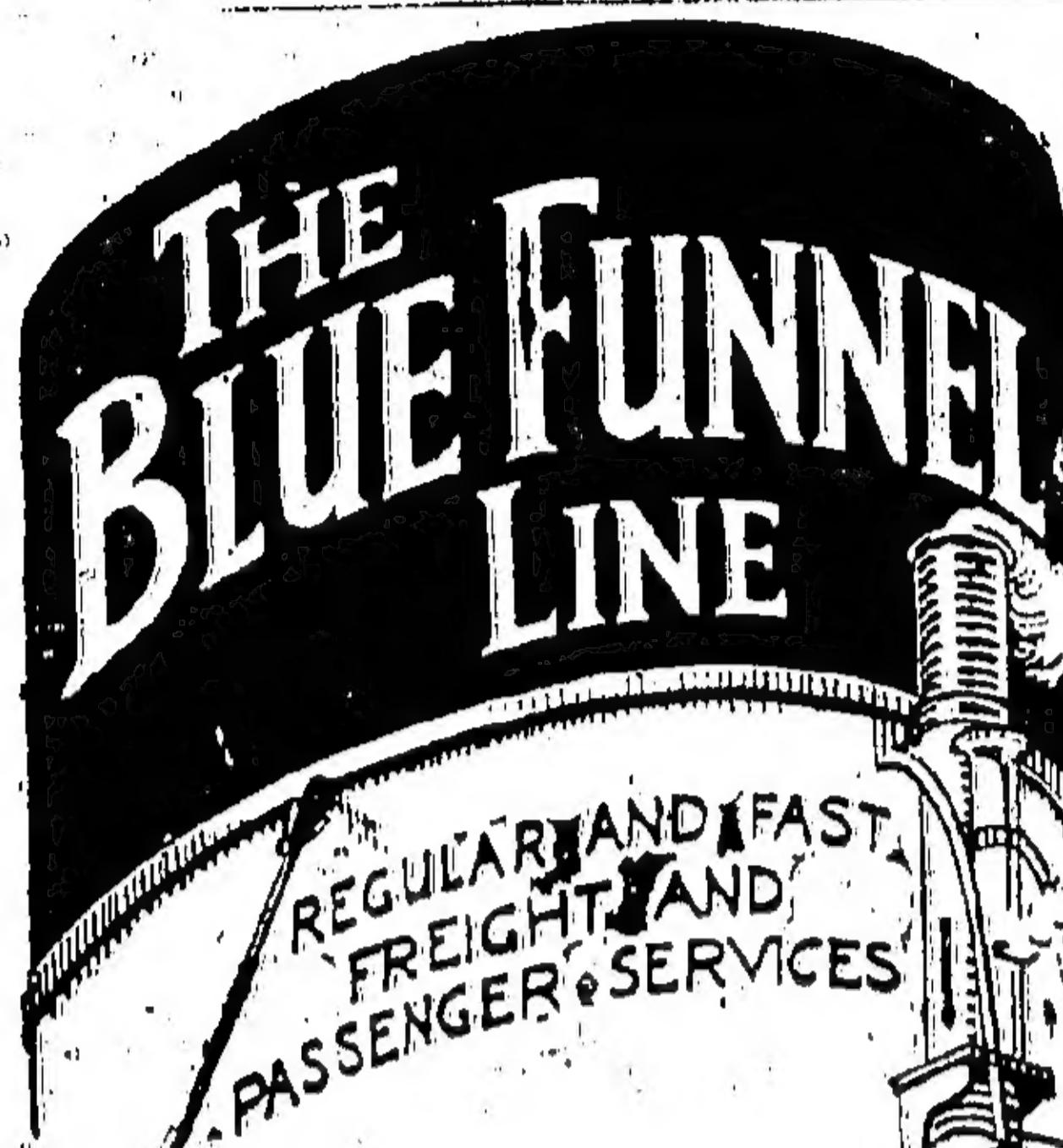


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INWARD MAIIS.

FROM	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.
Japan	Talimba	
Shanghai	Chenan	
Wednesday, DECEMBER 16.		
Australia and Manilla	Akt Maru	
Thursday, DECEMBER 17.		
Canada, U.S.A. Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Canada	
Friday, DECEMBER 18.		
Japan	Hakone Maru	
Maule	Fres. Taft	
Monday, DECEMBER 21.		
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	
Tuesday, DECEMBER 22.		
Australia and Manilla	Changao	
Japan	Tango Maru	
Manila	Pres. McKinley	
Wednesday, DECEMBER 23.		
Manila	Empress of Canada	
Thursday, DECEMBER 24.		
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Wilson	
Saturday, DECEMBER 26.		
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	
Monday, DECEMBER 28.		
Straits	Kashima Maru	

OUTWARD MAIIS.

FOR	PM	TIMES
Wednesday, DECEMBER 16.		
Japan		8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan		8.30 a.m.
Bangkok		10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLE, due Marseilles 17th Jan. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. Straits and Ceylon (Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.) Patroclus		10 a.m.
Anony		Yuenlong
Straits and Calcutta (Parcels 6 p.m. Letters (17th Dec. 9.30 a.m.)		5 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.		
Hoibow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		8.30 a.m.
Japan		8.30 a.m.
Swatow		8.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.		
Japan & Victoria, B.O.—due Victoria, B.O. 13th Jan 1926		9.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.		
Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via San Francisco, due San Francisco 13th Jan. 1926, & Europe via Siberia (Maritime and Postcarriers especially recommended) via Siberia (only)		9.30 a.m.
Parsons Maru Registration 3.45 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m.		9.30 a.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.		
Haiphong		9 a.m.
Hollow and Haiphong		9 a.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.		
Salon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Asia, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles 3rd Jan. 1926, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		9 a.m.
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 14th to the 29th December, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 11th Dec. 1925.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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